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The Social Phenomenon of Romana Didulo: "Queen of Canada"

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ABSTRACT

Romana Didulo is a conspiracy theorist who claims to be the ruler of Canada, despite all evidence to the contrary. She has a fairly large following in social media. Her movement, though not easily categorized, can best be described as a combination of QAnon, sovereign citizen/pseudo-legal, conspirituality, and anti-vaccination motifs. This overview explores her belief system, her origins, the evolution of her movement, and the behavior of her followers. This review finds that Didulo poses two main kinds of threats. She: 1) encourages followers to engage in vigilantism, and 2) has created a pool of desperate people who have had their utilities shut off, and lost their vehicles and homes. People are suffering as a result of her edicts.

Keywords: Romana Didulo, cult, conspiracy theories, QAnon, sovereign citizen, New Age, anti-vaxx, conspirituality

I. Introduction

Romana Didulo is a Philippine born immigrant, in her 50s, who contends she is the leader of Canada. She has adopted the titles of "Queen and Commander-in-chief, Head of State and Government, President and National Indigenous Chief of the Kingdom of Canada." Didulo and eleven of her closest followers are currently on their third tour of Canada. They utilize multiple recreational vehicles (RVs) (see Figure 1) and travel to meet-and-greet locations where Didulo gives speeches, sometimes several times a week. Didulo maintains multiple Telegram channels and has approximately 50,000 followers who cheer her on and fund her travels. The purpose of this article is to expand the knowledge base of this social phenomenon using observation and analysis of Didulo's social media postings and the content of her speeches. This article tracks Didulo's rise, describes her belief system, and documents the activities of her and her followers.

Figure 1 - One of Romana Didulo's recreational vehicles. Note the Manitoba licence plate.

Didulo and her followers express beliefs that combine QAnon, sovereign citizen/pseudo-legal, conspirituality, and anti-vaccination motifs. QAnon is a conspiracy-based belief system. Its followers claim that high level Democratic politicians control the government and all media, and are harming children (Moskalenko & McCauley, 2021). QAnon followers are highly concerned about the "cabal," powerful individuals who they believe are working covertly behind the scenes (Moskalenko & McCauley, 2021). The cabal, they believe, is also seeking to acquire adrenochrome from the blood of children to extend their personal lifespans (Garry, Walther, Mohamad, & Mohammed, 2021). Sovereign citizens are individuals who reject their respective governments as illegitimate, and do not believe conventional laws apply to them; they instead are subject to a different, superior law (Kalinowski, 2019; McRoberts, 2019; Netolitzky, 2021; Sarteschi, 2020). Conspirituality is a term coined by Ward and Voas (2011) that describes

individuals who combine a New Age belief system with conspiracy theories where secret groups control the political and social order. New Age beliefs are characterized by four main elements: 1) "mythical individual transformation;" 2) "awareness of non-material realities;" 3) "the imposition of (a) personal vision onto society;" and 4) "belief in universally invisible but pervasive forms of energy" (Ward & Voas, 2011, p. 106). Research has shown that conspirituality is common among those in the QAnon movement (Robertson & Amarasingam, 2022; Ward & Voas, 2011). Much like QAnon, the conspirituality movement is decentralized and virtual (Ward & Voas, 2011). Finally, individuals who subscribe to anti-vaxx ideology are those who are "... wholly opposed to vaccinations" (Burgess, Osborne, Yongabi et al., 2021, p. 8). Those beliefs, and how they are expressed by Didulo, are described below.

A. Didulo's Early Background

Didulo asserts much, but provides no or little evidence. According to her Canada 1st Party website (https://www.canada1stpartyofcanada.ca/), her first known self-created web presence where she attempted to establish her own political party, Romana Didulo was born into a privileged life, that she characterizes as the "modern equivalent of [a] Royal family." She is the youngest of two children (Didulo, 2022). Her father's name is Romualdo and her mother's name is Anna. 'Romana' is a combination of her parents' names, a "tradition upheld and practiced amongst true royal ancient bloodlines when naming a child" (Didulo, 2022). As a child, she spoke five different languages that were taught to her by her grandmother, a grade one school teacher. That same grandmother mounted a "strategic defense and offense" and "successfully blocked the Chinese from invading THEIR REGIONAL STRONGHOLD during World War II" (Didulo, 2022 [capitalization in original]). This claim could not possibly be true, since during World War II Japan, not China, occupied the Philippines (Sicat, 2015). Didulo's father was both a lawyer and an engineer. He died when she was 10 years old. Her mother died a year later. Soon after the death of her parents, Didulo moved to Vancouver, Canada when she was 15 years old, and was cared for by her grandparents and other relatives.

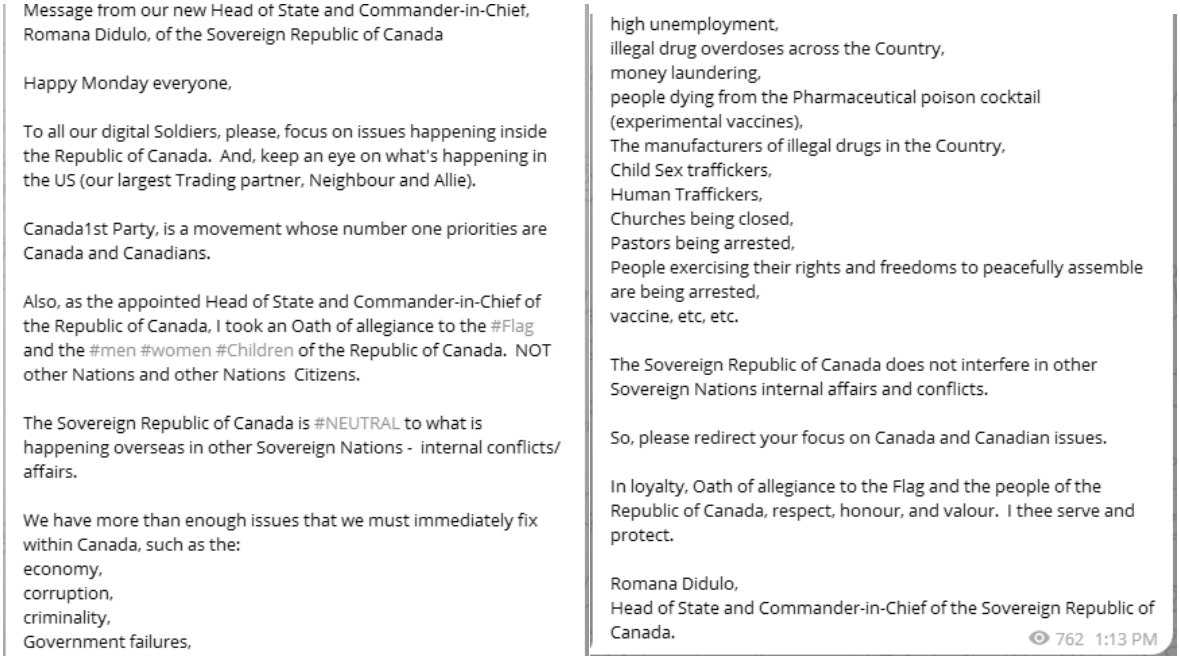
Little else is known about Didulo prior to her emergence in the business world in approximately 2006. She was featured in an October 2006 magazine article as the president and CEO of Global Solutions Canada. That company is described as a private startup human resources corporation where Didulo operated with two other account managers. Global Solutions Canada "specialize in recruiting and placing engineers and geologists and providing around-the-clock human solutions to the oil, sands, gas and mining" industries (Global Solutions Canada, 2006, p. 4). They also conduct background checks and assist workers from across the world who seek professional employment and are attempting to immigrate to Canada (Global Solutions Canada, 2006). Didulo also was subsequently involved in three shell real estate companies under the name Didulo Holding Inc. These businesses are seemingly no longer in operation. Didulo also has two additional open businesses in London and Wales (WION, 2022). No substantial activity with these corporations is known. Success in the business world seems to have eluded Didulo.

Didulo reemerged in 2020 as the founder and leader of the "Canada 1st Party" with the tagline "draining the swamp in Ottawa!" The Canada 1st Party is described on its website as being a "National Political Party" that sought to remove those currently in power. The party's policies are the foundation for Didulo's subsequent evolution as Canada's new "queen." Policies include enhancing the economy, investigating and prosecuting corrupt politicians, healthcare officials, law enforcement agencies, and drug dealers, removing weapons, targeting human and child

traffickers, canceling foreign aid funding, and reducing and eliminating taxes. The end goal of the Canada 1st Party is "dissolving all national parties ... and to eliminate globalists and Communists." Didulo's political movement did not attract much attention, and was never formally registered.

B. Telegram: February 2021

Didulo joined the Telegram social media platform in February 2021. Telegram is an alternative, decentralized media platform, popular among conservative users banned from mainstream sites (Walther & McCoy, 2021). Prior to joining Telegram, Didulo was posting messages primarily on her Canada 1st Party website. In her first Telegram postings, without providing evidence, Didulo claimed to have been officially appointed head of state and commander-in-chief of the Republic of Canada. In her role as leader, Didulo said she took an "Oath of allegiance to the #Flag and the #men #women #Children of the Republic of Canada. Not other Nations and other Nations Citizens" (see Figure 2 for the entire verbatim post). She posted news articles critical of COVID-19 measures and complained about Canadian politicians, who she denounced as "Criminals and Traitors." Didulo also said she was appointed by the white hats ("secret military operation"/freedom fighters), the United States military, global allied forces, and their governments--the very same people who supposedly helped elect American president Donald Trump (Piper, Bockovic, & Marland, 2022).


Message from our new Head of State and Commander-in-Chief, Romana Didulo, of the Sovereign Republic of Canada

Happy Monday everyone,

To all our digital Soldiers, please, focus on issues happening inside the Republic of Canada. And, keep an eye on what's happening in the US (our largest Trading partner, Neighbour and Allie).

Canada1st Party, is a movement whose number one priorities are Canada and Canadians.

Also, as the appointed Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Canada, I took an Oath of allegiance to the #Flag and the #men #women #Children of the Republic of Canada. NOT other Nations and other Nations Citizens.

The Sovereign Republic of Canada is #NEUTRAL to what is happening overseas in other Sovereign Nations - internal conflicts/ affairs.

We have more than enough issues that we must immediately fix within Canada, such as the:
economy,
corruption,
criminality,
Government failures,
high unemployment,
illegal drug overdoses across the Country,
money laundering,
people dying from the Pharmaceutical poison cocktail (experimental vaccines),
The manufacturers of illegal drugs in the Country,
Child Sex traffickers,
Human Traffickers,
Churches being closed,
Pastors being arrested,
People exercising their rights and freedoms to peacefully assemble are being arrested,
vaccine, etc, etc.

The Sovereign Republic of Canada does not interfere in other Sovereign Nations internal affairs and conflicts.

So, please redirect your focus on Canada and Canadian issues.

In loyalty, Oath of allegiance to the Flag and the people of the Republic of Canada, respect, honour, and valour. I thee serve and protect.

Romana Didulo,
Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Sovereign Republic of Canada.
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Figure 2 - Early Romana Didulo Telegram post, circa May 17, 2021.

Didulo is emphatic about her claim that she was appointed, as opposed to self-anointed. She has, however, only recently elaborated on how she rose to power. The story is as follows. Didulo had been living with a roommate in Victoria, British Columbia, working a regular 9-to-5 job. The two were living in a basement. At night and after working her day job, Didulo was secretly interacting with a man she would later reveal as "His Highness David J Carlson" (married to "Her Highness Sarah MG Carlson"), who was acting in the role of "Commander-In-Chief of the United States Air Force Academy Civilian Command of Military Operations." David Carlson is

also referred to as “Commander-In-Chief of the United States” and “King.” David Carlson supposedly appointed Didulo in 2017 after a harrowing mission by Didulo against the Chinese communist military, who were allegedly occupying Canada in underground tunnels, and who were being commanded by individuals stationed in Beijing planning to attack the United States. The tunnel network supposedly ran from Canada to the United States, and then into Mexico. These tunnels were also used for adrenochrome production, organ harvesting, manufacturing, and for adult sex and child trafficking. Didulo claims that the Chinese communist military is a front for the New World Order (NWO): satanists and individuals who want to engage in eugenics. Didulo asserts that she single-handedly removed the Chinese communist military from Canada, and, additionally, the remainder of the world. Didulo maintains that if the Chinese communist military attacked the United States as was planned, then it would have sparked a world war. She contends that her subterranean military achievements thus prevented World War III. For that Didulo was awarded her title as Queen. The entire world, she explains, should be thanking her for her monumental efforts.

When speaking about this elaborate fantasy, Didulo described the emotional state she experienced when attempting to fight off the Chinese communist military. Though she does not define or describe her tactics and methods used to remove the Chinese infiltrators, Didulo says she was unable to eat or sleep or even think clearly while it was happening. Only when the Chinese were finally removed, could she eat and sleep. Didulo wept when her mission was completed.

Didulo recounts her aforementioned roommate overheard Didulo speak about her work in removing the Chinese from Canada. The roommate insisted that Didulo tell her more. Didulo told the roommate: “I am the queen and Commander-in-Chief” and “if you tell anyone I am going to have to kill you, and that is not a joke.” According to Didulo, from then on, the roommate referred to Didulo as “your Majesty.”

“David J Carlson” is not the only person Didulo claims confirmed her legitimacy as leader of Canada. In July 2021, she formally welcomed “Whiplash347” to her movement. She stated that he was the “first to make calls (after her video went viral on the Internet) to confirm her legitimacy in Canada.” WhipLash347, whose identity is unknown, is a prominent member of QAnon. He operates a Telegram channel with nearly 300,000 followers (Piper, Backovic, & Martin, 2022). He claims to be closely connected to Donald Trump, Elon Musk, and the deceased John F. Kennedy Jr. (Piper, Backovic, & Martin, 2022). An investigation by *Logically* revealed that WhipLash347 was one of the two main Telegram hub channel leaders involved in recruiting individuals to invest in fraudulent cryptocurrency tokens described by experts as a “large and well-organized Ponzi scheme” that netted the scammers approximately two million dollars (Piper, Backovic, & Martin, 2022). The nature of Didulo’s affiliation and/or relationship with Whiplash347 remains unclear.

C. May 2021: Growing Popularity

By the end of May 2021, Didulo’s Telegram audience had grown close to 20,000 followers. She added the title “Sovereign” to her name (i.e., Sovereign Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Sovereign Republic of Canada), but later removed that label. At this time, Didulo announced that Canada was withdrawing from the United Nations, the World Health Organization (WHO), and canceling all foreign aid. She frequently encouraged her followers to begin preparations for a global changeover to the Quantum Financial System (QFS). QFS is a

baseless QAnon conspiracy theory (often referred to as NESARA/GESARA) that purportedly will result in global debt forgiveness, and all "fiat currency" cash being replaced with gold-backed currency (Backovic & Ondrak, 2020). This claim eventually became the basis for a January 2022 decree issued by Didulo stating that all debts "in the Kingdom of Canada" would be forgiven, including credit card debts, student loans, mortgages, and interest payments.

Didulo's Telegram posts during this period were focused on her belief that COVID-19 was a fake illness designed by politicians to commit genocide. Her followers were encouraged to not get vaccinated. Didulo began threatening all individuals involved in COVID-19 management and mitigation activities (i.e., masking, social distancing, vaccination). She repeatedly warned that anyone involved in COVID-19 activities/enforcement would be arrested for "crimes against humanity," and have their property, businesses, or assets confiscated and seized. For instance, Didulo was asked by one of her followers what should happen to university presidents and deans who imposed mandatory coronavirus vaccine requirements upon students. Didulo responded that "these individuals will be charged with crimes against humanity and sent to a military tribunal where they will be tried and once convicted will be hung or executed via firing squad." For their last meals, she says they would be allowed to request a "strawberry milkshake" but no "gin and tonic." "Milkshake" references have become commonplace coded language on her Telegram channels. Both Didulo and her followers joke that individuals--whom they do not like, wish to see arrested, jailed and/or executed--should be given their favorite flavor of "milkshake" before their kingdom-sponsored deaths.

Didulo also claimed that she possesses the authority to immediately stop vaccinations in Canada. To prove that, Didulo created a multiple page cease-and-desist order template that was posted on her Telegram channels. The cease-and-desist order, she stated, was given upon the request of the "Commander-in-Chief of the US Armed Forces." Followers, "digital soldiers," were encouraged to distribute as many orders as possible. Didulo's stated goal was to have the orders sent to every Fortune 500 company and all counties in the world. Followers were instructed to use the signatory "We the People," as that language would automatically make them police/law enforcement officers. Followers were encouraged to post photos or videos of the places they have served the orders. Many did, and continue to do so.

Followers were also told that serving the cease-and-desist documents was helping to save people from being sent to military tribunals. Those who stood in the way of Didulo's "lawful" cease-and-desist order would find themselves in front of a military tribunal, "and, eventually 6 feet below the ground for crimes against Humanity" (Weill, 2021). Didulo gave "criminals and the corrupt" two choices: "1) Cooperate-possibly get the Top of the Bunk Bed 2) Lead in the Forehead." She informed the world that executions by military tribunals had been taking place since 2017, calling these proceedings "The Nuremberg 2 Trials." Didulo claimed over 2.7 million people have already been killed. Didulo never specified who had executed the 2.7 million people, but would sometimes refer to "our Galactic Federation of Worlds of Light beings" as possibly being responsible. She commonly expressed distain for Queen Elizabeth II of England, and insisted that she was actually dead. Didulo pridefully claimed that she personally executed the Queen.

By June 2021, Didulo officially adopted new titles for herself: "Head of State and Commander-in-Chief, Head of Government of Canada, Queen of Canada," and added two new tag lines: 1) the QAnon slogan "where we go one we go all" (#WWG1WGA) and "Peace and Prosperity. Or

perish." She frequently posted notices identifying practices that had been outlawed in her "kingdom" and the associated penalties. These included, but were not limited to: 1) performing sex change operations on youths age 24 and under; 2) using hormonal/unnatural medicine, including hormone blockers; and 3) all pharmaceutical medications. Didulo banned teaching "race theory" in schools, ranging from daycare centers to college. This ban included military schools. Also, any materials or books in libraries teaching "race theory" were to be immediately destroyed. Didulo also changed the minimum age of sexual consent and marriage to 24 years. Punishments for failure to comply would include: fines of $5 billion Canadian dollars, trials by a military tribunal, 30 or more years in prison without bail or parole, expulsion from the country, or death. Behaviors outlawed eventually become the basis for an omnibus decree, number 86, issued in September 2022.

In July 2021, Didulo claimed to have begun converting buildings across Canada into medical pods/beds, also called "med beds," or "intergalactic med bed chambers." Med beds are touted as a miraculous non-invasive medical technology, designed to cure medical ailments, regrow missing limbs, organs, teeth, reverse aging, cure post-traumatic stress disorder, perform necessary surgery, cure cancer, and even make one immortal (Sarteschi, 2022a; Weill, 2022). Med beds are said to use plasmatic energy that works in tandem with "one's subatomic and vibrational levels." Didulo instructed individuals who wished to be trained as med bed operators/technicians to join a specific Telegram page. She claimed that these technologies had been "gifted" to "We The People" many years ago, but were stolen by the "deep state/cabal/evil fake royal families and elected politicians to continue their pharmaceutical industry profiteering."

Med beds are a mainstay of Didulo's platform. She describes having made a personal agreement with "celestial beings" to ensure that med bed technology gets to "We The People." She claimed that extraterrestrial "Pleiadean ships" had landed in remote locations with the med beds, and that trusted military officials were in the process of taking the med beds to installation locations. Didulo claims this technology is heavily guarded, and would never get into the hands of pharmaceutical companies, who would misuse med beds in nefarious ways. In her "kingdom," all communities are to have at least one med bed. Once everyone in Canada had access to med beds, Didulo would then offer them to American military veterans. She considers it her responsibility to ensure that this technology is delivered and that it remains free of charge.

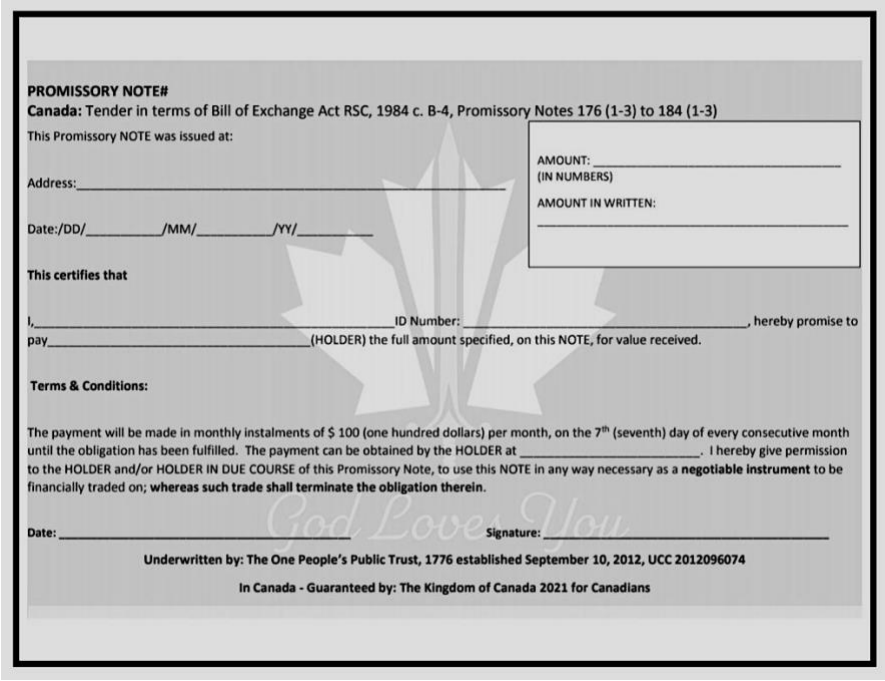
July 2021, Didulo began fundraising on the GoFundMe website to build homes for wildfire victims in British Columbia. She assigned 18 "guardians" or trustees (handpicked administrators from her Telegram channels) to receive and manage these funds (Lamoureux, 2021a). She had raised $54,000 of her $25 million goal when GoFundMe deleted her campaign (Lamoureux, 2021a), presumably because GoFundMe concluded Didulo was engaged in fraudulent activities. To save face, Didulo told her followers that she was never in charge of the fundraiser, and had "known all along these low hanging fruits would sabotage your efforts and blame it on me."

By August 2021, Didulo had amassed 40,000 Telegram followers. Many of her Telegram posts announced Didulo's orders, that she now termed "decrees." Decrees are laws in her "kingdom." Only Didulo has the power to make decrees. The "kingdom of Canada" is guided by three basic laws: "1) if you kill you will be killed; 2) if you kill and mass (commit genocide/crimes against humanity) we take out your family and your DNA strain, 3) war and division are unlawful." Didulo also purported that she nullified and voided of all "fraudulent Courts / Establishments /

fraudulent corporations masquerading as Governments" and replaced them with the "Royal Court of Queen Romana," and the highest office--the "Royal Office of Queen Romana"--that Didulo described as the highest court and office in the land. Lawyers have no jurisdiction to practice because they are members of the British Accreditation Registry (BAR), which is a false, debunked belief spread by the sovereign citizen movement to delegitimize the judicial system (MacGuill, 2018; Netolitzky, 2019). This debunked belief tracks with Didulo's contention that Canada is a corporation that went bankrupt in 2017, a claim that may parallel the common motif in Strawman Theory that governments are bankrupt, and have secured their financing via the Strawman duality (Netolitzky, 2019).

D. August to December 2021

August 2021 to December 2021 were very busy times for Didulo. She reached her peak number of followers (about 73,000). Most of her posts now focused on the creation of her grocery pages that were designed to assist her followers in purchasing groceries, and assigning administrators/volunteers to run each of those pages. Didulo also issued several new decrees that included her elimination of taxes, credit card debt, and all other unpaid debts. Relatedly, she designed and created a promissory note (stamped with her insignia) (see Figure 3) and published a downloadable template, with specific instructions, encouraging followers to utilize it wherever they can. Promissory notes, she explains, are "I owe you notes ... payable by "Kingdom of Canada."" (See Netolitzky (2019) for an in-depth discussion of the promissory note as a free money concept in Canada.) Didulo also held a contest for the creation of a new flag to replace the official "corporate" flag of Canada. Figure 4 shows the result, a purple flag containing the words "Kiçi Manitō Osākihin," that means "the great spirit loves you," which was the closest possible translation to ""God loves you" to honor the Indigenous Tribe of Ojibwe."



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This Promissory NOTE was issued at:

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Date:/DD/_____/MM/_____/YY/_____

AMOUNT: _____
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AMOUNT IN WRITTEN:
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This certifies that

I,_____ID Number: _____, hereby promise to pay_____(HOLDER) the full amount specified, on this NOTE, for value received.

Terms & Conditions:

The payment will be made in monthly instalments of $ 100 (one hundred dollars) per month, on the 7th (seventh) day of every consecutive month until the obligation has been fulfilled. The payment can be obtained by the HOLDER at _____. I hereby give permission to the HOLDER and/or HOLDER IN DUE COURSE of this Promissory Note, to use this NOTE in any way necessary as a **negotiable instrument** to be financially traded on; **whereas such trade shall terminate the obligation therein**.

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

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Figure 3 - Romana Didulo's self-created promissory note.

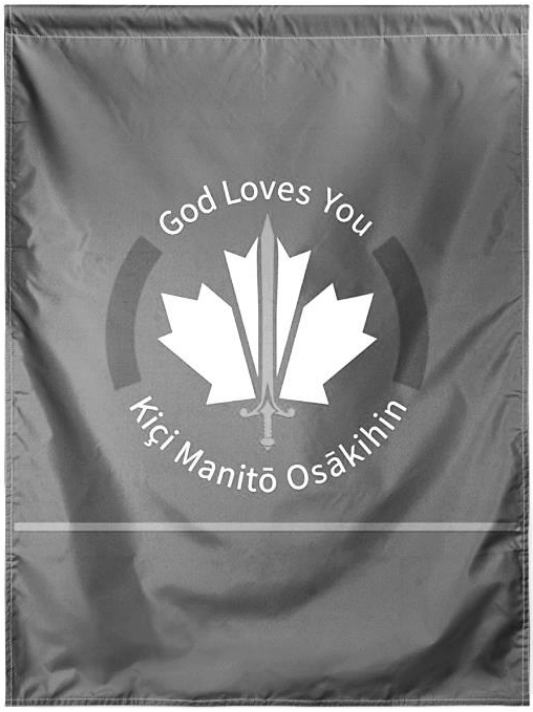

Figure 4 - Romana Didulo's self-created "royal" flag.

Around this time Didulo began directly threatening those involved in government pandemic mandates. Her threats in particular focused on healthcare workers who were administering COVID-19 vaccines. Didulo bragged about having the backing of the military to enforce her threats, as well as "duck hunters," a group of "digital soldiers" who Didulo claimed would fight on her behalf. Didulo regularly joked about giving her enemies "milkshakes" and visits to the "spa," both of which are references to executions. Didulo's threats culminated in her detention by law enforcement on November 27, 2021, allegedly for ordering her followers to "shoot to kill" healthcare workers involved in administering COVID-19 vaccines (Russell & Bell, 2021). Didulo was taken to a local hospital for psychiatric assessment and subsequently released. Didulo announced on her Telegram page that she was "#cleared by the Psychiatrist at Jubilee Hospital, that same afternoon." No formal criminal charges were filed.

E. January 2022 to Current: The Canada-wide Tours

Before January 2022, most of Didulo's communications took place via Telegram. That changed when she began touring Canada in RVs with a group of her 11 closest followers. This group traveled to Parliament Hill during the Freedom Convoy events in Canada on February 3, 2021 (Lofaro, 2021). Thousands of protestors converged in downtown Ottawa to express their dissatisfaction with vaccine mandates and other government COVID-19 mitigation steps (Ottawa People's Commission, 2023; see also Rouleau (2023) for more details). The occupation lasted 21 days and was described by observers as disruptive and violent (Ottawa People's Commission, 2023). There Didulo held a ceremony and burned the Canadian flag (see Figure 5). Symbolically, that step was important to her and her followers. The flag burning meant that the Canadian "corporate flag" was gone. Didulo was now in charge of the "Kingdom of Canada." She also declared "marshal law," which remains in effect until she says otherwise. Didulo has spoken about the importance of that particular flag burning on a number of occasions, though some of

her ex-followers believe that action hurt her cause (Lamoureux, 2022b). She and her followers recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of her burning the Canadian flag. Didulo also contends that Justin Trudeau, the current Prime Minister of Canada, is not really in charge. Trudeau is either an actor, a robot, or a computer-generated imagery (CGI) creation.

Figure 5 - Romana Didulo and others burning the Canadian flag on Parliament Hill on February 3, 2022.

Since that time, Didulo and the members of her inner circle have travelled across Canada. The group is now on its third tour. They sleep in multiple RVs, and constantly relocate, with occasional stays at campgrounds and the private property of acquaintances. Each member of Didulo's inner circle wears a uniform, consisting of all white shirts, pants, shoes, and hats (see Figure 6). This uniform is a symbolic representation of their status as QAnon "white hats," the people they believe are the "good" ones. Didulo's group travel to various towns and hold meet-and-greets. These events typically only attract a few attendees. The maximum observed group was around 50 (Lamoureux, 2022b). Members of Didulo's convoy are referred to as "his excellency" or "her excellency." Each has a specific role: a chauffeur, a "press secretary," and others. Didulo's escort spend their days cleaning, doing laundry, fixing the RVs, planning meet-and-greet locations, and tending to Didulo's needs and demands. During the meet-and-greets, Didulo gives speeches, all of which are video recorded and uploaded to her Telegram channels. These speeches are typically formulaic and repetitive, and contain re-occurring themes that will be described in more detail below. More recently, Didulo has been traveling less and holding live streams, "coffee with Romana" styled events, where Didulo speaks directly to her followers, often asking for money for herself and her crew members to continue their travels.

Figure 6 - Romana Didulo's "inner circle" in uniforms, in front of one of Didulo's RVs.

In April 2022, Didulo unsuccessfully attempted to enter the United States for the third time. For reasons that are not entirely clear, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has always denied her entry. A possible explanation for denial of entry is Didulo used her fake, purple-colored "Kingdom of Canada" passport. Around this time Didulo's followers increasingly began to utilize her decrees and stopped paying their utility and mortgage bills. That continues to the present. Instead of payment, Didulo's followers send copies of her decrees to their billing companies. Ultimately, every attempt to use her decrees has failed. Didulo's followers regularly report their utilities have been disconnected. Similarly, refusal to pay debts has led to seizure and foreclosure of property, vehicles, and homes. Some followers have been threatened with legal action, and warned they could face fraud changes. Reports to Didulo of these unfavorable developments and outcomes are usually deleted from Didulo's Telegram channels.

An individual claiming to be David Carlson started his own Telegram account in July 2022. At the time he began posting, most of his messages were direct copies of Didulo's postings, or articulated his support of her position as "Queen." Didulo would often cite these David Carlson Telegram posts as evidence of how she came into power, and proof of her head-of-state status. The idea of Didulo being self-appointed is upsetting to her. She demands that people recognize her appointment to her position.

In August 2022, Didulo was involved in an attempt to stage the "citizen arrest" of police officers at the Peterborough, Ontario police department. Didulo was present at the Peterborough event, but spent most of her time in her RV. She left as soon as several of her followers were arrested by police. That event is described below in more detail.

By August 2022, Didulo and Carlson were no longer partners. What changed is unclear, but the split became evident when the BBC interviewed Carlson about Didulo. Carlson told his interviewer that Didulo was not in power "yet" and that she was only in the running to be queen. He also encouraged people to pay their bills, signaling that he did not agree with Didulo's

decrees, one of which claimed all "natural resources" are now free (BBC Sounds, 2022). Carlson subsequently posted a formal notice on his Telegram channel outright stating that he no longer supported Didulo as his Canadian partner because "she had gone rouge" [sic] (Sarteschi, 2022c). In a rare live stream event in which Carlson appeared with his wife and his assistant, Carlson stated that he saw Didulo as unprofessional and dishonest, and he did not like the fact that she wanted to deport anyone from the country who was not purely Canadian. He did not think many of her decrees made sense and stated that her cease-and-desist orders were embarrassing and a joke. Didulo responded by suggesting that the person acting as King Carlson may be a clone (Sarteschi, 2022c). In October 2022, Carlson replaced Didulo when he announced a new "Queen of Canada" named "Royal Majesty, Charmine Julie Vautour" (Sarteschi, 2022d).

By February 2023, Didulo's Telegram account had dropped to approximately 50,000 followers. Despite the drop in numbers, Didulo countered that she is gaining approximately 1,000 followers per day, and has been observed to post what appears to be photoshopped subscriber data. These images purport 590,000 as being the correct number of Telegram followers. Telegram's online public information does not support her assertions, but whether Didulo's followers realize that fact is unclear.

Near the end of February 2023, Didulo introduced her followers to "loyalty money." The loyalty money she had printed includes her emblem and her flag, is larger than traditional currency, and has a "100000" denomination (Lamoureux, 2023b). Didulo states that the money is nontransferable, is backed by gold and silver, and can be cashed at the "National and Provincial Treasuries of the Kingdom of Canada" (a fictitious entity). Didulo says that, at this point, loyalty money has no value. It will be up to her followers to give loyalty money value but that Didulo will also issue a decree with further guidance. Followers who wish to acquire the currency have been ordered to provide proof of identification to Didulo and her team, and must be "Canadian nationals." In a formal ceremony that took place on February 26, 2023, approximately 13 individuals (including several children) had to declare "their sovereignty under natural law" before accepting the loyalty money (Lamoureux, 2023b). A list of named volunteers are planning to physically distribute the rest of the loyalty money in communities across Canada. Thus far, followers have expressed the belief that the loyalty money has real value, and they will be able to cash it and use it to purchase real-world items.

F. Didulo's Ideas and Methodology is Spreading to Other Countries

Attempts are underway, in countries across the world, to replicate Didulo's methodology (Sarteschi, 2022b). This "doppel-nobility" scheme is most developed in the United States, Australia, and New Zealand. "King David Carlson" and his wife have declared themselves the royal family and leaders of the "Kingdom of America." They are actively appointing "ministers" who would effectively act as governors of all 50 states. The Carlsons currently have chosen 30 ministers. The Carlsons hold virtual meetings, run a website where they solicit additional members, and seek partnerships with existing American government officials. Carlson's stated goal is to replace the democratically elected government of the United States with a monarchy. Didulo herself named Helen Edwards the Queen and commander-in-chief of Australia and New Zealand. Thus far, Edwards has set up her own Telegram page, and is actively soliciting and choosing volunteers to fill leadership positions in her new "kingdom." These new "kingdoms" are guided by four main principles: 1) natural law, also known as God's law; 2) Didulo's decrees become the laws of the land; 3) zero politics; and 4) benevolent monarchy. Many expressed

beliefs have a New Age nature. Other locations currently with appointed leaders include: Austria, Germany, England (with different leaders for both "north and south England"), Vietnam, Switzerland, Hungary, the German state of Bavaria, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

II. Didulo's Beliefs: Key Themes

This next section details Didulo's beliefs. Careful study of her Telegram pages and the content of her speeches has identified the following themes. In general, her messages are repetitive. Didulo is remarkably consistent, but new additional details are often revealed with each story iteration. Didulo is commonly referred to as the "QAnon queen," but that oversimplifies her beliefs, that span multiple ideologies, including sovereign citizen/pseudo-legal, conspirituality (i.e., Ascended Masters), and anti-vaccination. Key themes are described below.

A. Didulo's Origin Story

Didulo is now expanding on the narrative and context of her early life. Recently, she contends that she comes from an ancient royal dynasty. She says the Philippines, her country of origin, was once part of the "Kingdom of Maharlika," a dynasty that was "invaded by the evil Spanish King" who "invaded and colonized" it "for five hundred (500) years." Didulo believes that the "richest Royal Families" in the world are from the "Kingdom of Maharlika." They have "zero Chinese blood." She claims the "cabal" has been aware of her for many decades, particularly because her family is known worldwide for having gifted trillions of dollars in humanitarian aid. Fact-checkers have determined that there is no evidence of a pre-colonial Filipino family that ruled over the Kingdom of Maharlika (Rappler.com, 2019). Historians have identified Maharlika as a pre-colonial social class of lower nobility, and found no evidence that Maharlika existed as a standalone nation (Adan, 2020). Further, the individual from whom many of the Maharlika claims originated--Julian Tallano, who claims to be a member of the Philippine royal family--had his land deeds nullified by Supreme Court of the Philippines after those claims were deemed fraudulent (Adan, 2020). The ideas maintained by Didulo about the Kingdom of Maharlika appear to be untrue and based on a hoax.

Didulo has also recounted a story during a meet-and-greet about a "banker" who attempted to steal money from her family. She said that she personally caught him in the act, and that he subsequently disappeared. Didulo speculated that he likely ended his own life. The banker did this, in part, because he knew that powerful people would be after him. Didulo also said that she was "enticed" on two separate occasions by offers of bank accounts worth billions of dollars in the form of cash, gold bars, or silver. A third offer came in the form of bonds that would have allowed her to own multiple countries. Didulo says she turned down all of those opportunities because she does not have an ego, and has no interest in money and wealth. Didulo does not name those people and/or groups who have supposedly made her those generous offers. These narratives are in line with Didulo's strong belief that "bankers" are thieves and money launderers who exist as an integral element of the deep state/cabal.

B. God Complex / I AM & Claims of Special Abilities

Didulo tells stories that present her in a very important light. She has an intense desire to be seen as powerful, even omnipotent. One example is her adoption of the phrase "I AM" in her Telegram channel name: "Her Majesty I AM Queen Romana." I AM is a reference to God. In

her first posting about I AM, she quotes God: “God said “it is I who AM the light which above them all. It is I who AM the all.”” She added “and so it is,” which is a phrase she commonly uses.

This language parallels a 1930s cult known as the “Mighty I AM.” The group, detailed in *Psychic Dictatorship in America*, was led by Guy Ballard and his wife Edna Anne, self-proclaimed ascended beings. Much like Didulo, the Ballards were focused on raising money, promised financial freedom to their followers, created their own decrees, and told fantastical stories in which the Ballards claimed to be from other planets (Bryan, 1940). Despite the similarities between the 1930s Mighty I AM cult and Romana Didulo’s movement, there is no evidence to suggest that there is a connection between the two, or that Didulo is even aware of the Ballards’ movement.

Another example of Didulo’s supernatural aspect is a follower once asked Didulo why every time they see a message from Didulo, they cry uncontrollably, and “feel very peaceful and healing energies.” The follower additionally wanted to know “why [do] I have that reaction to your message?” Didulo answered “it is the I AM energies that you are experiencing. That’s God’s/Creator’s divine energies that flow through me -you are experiencing.”

Didulo regards herself as brilliant and considers herself the “most visible leader in the world.” Her ancient royal bloodline also makes her “the divine ruler of this planet.” That is consistent with Didulo’s stated belief that she is a divine being sent to planet Earth to fulfill a spiritual mission. She has repeatedly discussed having gone through a “Phoenix fire” before arriving on planet Earth. This experience, she explained, removed her ego, her desire for money, and burned all negative energy out of her body that had “existed since the beginning of time.”

Didulo maintains a list of her “royal” decrees on her website (https://www.thekingdomofcanada.ca/). The current number, as of February 2023, is 94. It is not clear how often the website is updated. Didulo’s decrees are the laws that make up her “Kingdom,” and are retroactive to July 1, 1867, the date of Canada’s Confederation. Each decree has an associated penalty, most of which are harsh in nature, and often include the death penalty. Didulo encourages her followers to read the decrees each night, to memorize them, and discuss her decrees with family members at the dinner table.

These royal decrees are a central component of her movement. Didulo has said that “no one on this planet” can replace her because “no one will ever have the same brain, soul or spirit.” No one can supersede her. Didulo is being guided by divine beings, who can “disengage nukes, missiles and all of the newest technology.” Her decrees are so popular that the world is demanding their implementation. Didulo advises others who seek to implement the royal decrees across the world not rewrite the decrees, or to “reinvent the wheel,” because she “nailed it” the first time. Didulo has foresight and the gifts of knowing that were given to her by the divine creator to ensure that humanity thrives on this planet.

Didulo’s most noteworthy decrees state that she has naturalized all of the country’s resources, and that all utilities are now free. She claims to have also abolished income tax. All school, kindergarten through college, is now free, as is all public transportation. Unfortunately, followers do attempt to utilize her decrees, and have had negative outcomes: their utilities shut off, they lose their homes, vehicles, and property, and creditors threaten them with fraud charges or arrest (see Figure 7).

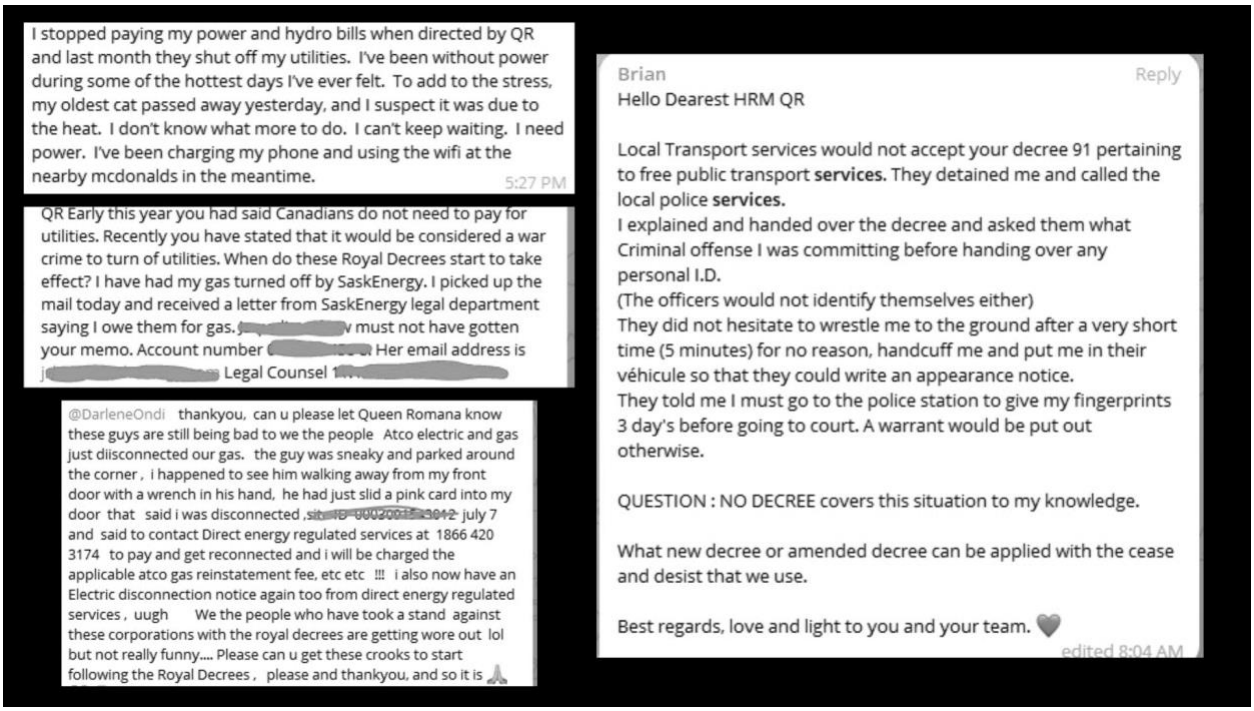

Figure 7 - Romana Didulo followers describing their attempts to utilize her decrees in messages posted on Didulo's Telegram channels.

Didulo does not acknowledge the fact that her followers have never successfully relied on her decrees. On the rare occasions, when circumstances force her to do so, Didulo insists her decrees are legitimate and effective. Any failure is the fault of her followers who must do more to ensure their success. It is up to "We The People" to implement the decrees. Thus, if the decrees fail, that is the followers' fault, not hers.

Didulo also commonly uses news stories, however tangential or unconfirmed, as proof to confirm that her decrees are being implemented. For instance, there were unconfirmed reports on social media that the Prime Minister of Canada banned all flags on Parliament Hill during Canada Day in June 2022. Didulo interpreted that to mean that the "real Trudeau would never have forbidden the corporate flag of Canada from flying." Since one of her decrees called for the banning of the "corporate flag of Canada," Didulo took that as proof that her decrees are in effect. The flag ban rumor also supposedly proved that Didulo is the real leader of Canada, not Prime Minister Trudeau.

Relatedly, her followers will sometimes post news stories that prove that her decrees are in effect and operating, and complain that others are taking credit for Didulo's work. A recent example involved a January 2023 story in *The Orangeville Banner* called "So far, so good. Riders on board with fare-free transit." The article explained that a two-year fare-free pilot program was voted into place by the local town council (Santos, 2023). The fare-free program had no connection to Didulo whatsoever, yet followers interpreted the article as proof that Didulo's decree making all public transportation free was being implemented. Instead, Didulo's decrees have never been successfully utilized by anyone attempting to do so.

C. Desire to be Seen as Powerful (Likely to Raise Money)

Much of Didulo's narrative can be characterized as an intense desire to be seen as powerful. She commonly repeats fictionalized stories that prove that she is in charge. For instance, Didulo has claimed that an eight-second audio recording exists of the White House press correspondents speaking her name. She has repeated this claim many times in her speeches, and interprets this purported recording to mean that Didulo has been formally recognized as the official leader of Canada by the President of the United States. That event also meant that White House officials were preparing the people of the United States for her arrival. By all accounts, no evidence supports that any element of that story is true.

Didulo claims that both Fox News and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have been in contact with her, but offers no supporting evidence. In fact, contrary evidence exists. A February 2022 video of Didulo at the Freedom Convoy protests in Ottawa shows her approaching a Fox News producer, introducing herself, and asking if they would like to be the first news organization to interview the "Queen." They said no. During her attendance at the Freedom Convoy events, Didulo and her team also booked hotel rooms for both President Vladimir Putin and Fox News media personality Tucker Carlson. Didulo's group did this either because they believed those persons would be arriving to meet with Didulo, or, more plausibly, to project the appearance of importance.

Didulo is particularly fond of President Vladimir Putin. She posted a video of herself with a man named "Marcus" who brought to Didulo a Rolex watch, purportedly sent to her from Putin (see Figure 8). The watch was supposedly signed by Putin. Didulo and her "press secretary," who frequently speaks on Didulo's behalf, commonly reference this watch to prove Didulo's importance to the Russian president.

Figure 8 - Romana Didulo with "Marcus" gifting her a watch supposedly from President Vladimir Putin

Didulo claims to have been "appointed," presumably by Putin, to be the mediator between the United States and Russia, and to find a solution to the Ukrainian / Russian war. Didulo also announced that she and her team were planning a trip to Russia to meet with Putin. For the trip, she and her team were to fly aboard Air Force One (the plane used by the President of the United States), which Didulo said she would be renaming "QR1." Months prior, Didulo stated that she had asked for and received Air Force One. Didulo would soon be traveling on "QR1," but not before the aircraft was repainted with her insignia.

Didulo stated that North Korea's Supreme Leader, Kim Jong Un, has placed Didulo's self-created flag on all of his government buildings, kept her framed photo next to his, and that she was personally invited to coordinate a "state visit" to Pyongyang. Didulo has also claimed that the Hells Angels motorcycle club personally offered to provide her with security, and that Mohammed bin Salman (MBS), the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, is a personal friend and her "brother." Didulo has said that she is in frequent contact with MBS, that he regularly watches her live streams on Telegram, and he sends her large sums of money.

Didulo uses claims of connections to high-profile persons to raise money from her followers. For example, Didulo posted a screenshot of Trump-connected political advisor Roger Stone, indicating that Stone was sending Didulo a $130,000 donation, and that Stone was going to match all other donations to Didulo. This claim led to a substantial increase in the number of followers posting receipts of having sent Didulo money. Estimates are that she raised close to $6,500 (Lamoureux & Walters, 2022).

There is no evidence that Didulo has a connection to any of the aforementioned individuals. When reached for comment, both the Hells Angels and Stone stated that Didulo's claims are

false. A letter supposedly written by the "national president" of the Hells Angels, and sent to Didulo, was proven to be fraudulent (Pilon, 2022). Stone said he knew "nothing about" the fundraising efforts (Lamoureux & Walters, 2022). Stone's attorney joined Telegram for the sole purpose of telling Didulo and her group to "immediately cease and desist," but they promptly deleted his message (Lamoureux & Walters, 2022).

Didulo has said that she is renaming multiple locations in Canada after herself. For instance, she has officially renamed the Canadian city of Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, to "Queen Romana City." She has made Victoria the capital of the "kingdom of Canada." As of August 2022, Didulo is planning to rename the province of Prince Edward Island. She asked her followers to propose replacement names. Didulo had previously said that she had planned to change the island's name to the "Providence of Queen Romana." In addition, Didulo announced a new holiday in the Canadian calendar: "Queen Romana Freedom Day."

On another occasion, Didulo reframed her brief December 2021 detention at a psychiatric institution as an excuse given by officials to conceal that Didulo was undergoing her annual physical medical exam, just as all leaders of countries do. Relatedly, Didulo complained that the only reason she was detained in the first place was because "main stream media" (MSM) lied about the alleged threats made by her, and that the agents involved in her detention had abused and misused their power.

In August 2022, Didulo posted a video of herself and her team interacting with law enforcement. In the video, the officers can be seen speaking to her from outside of her RV. Their stated purpose was to return her electronics that were seized during the 2021 detention. Didulo was highly suspicious about the fact that the officers were in plain clothes, and that they knew the precise location of her RV. Didulo contends that the personal delivery of her electronic items was a special privilege afforded only to heads of state. She claimed that this event was further proof that she was the true Commander-in-Chief/leader/queen of Canada: "I am their boss."

Didulo also contends that the MSM is being paid by the "deep state cabal," black hats, and the globalists to discredit her work. She believes that the MSM is deliberately spreading false narratives about her, solely because of her immense power. Didulo claims individuals who learn about her via the MSM do not have the proper "discernment" to know the truth about Didulo and her activities. Didulo warned her followers to avoid all television programming, and to be more discerning about what media they consume. This narrative is plausibly Didulo's way to rationalize the increasingly frequent negative news stories about her. For example, recent media reports describe: 1) how followers are having their utilities turned off and are losing their homes as a consequence of attempts to implement her decrees (Lamoureux, 2023a), and 2) accusations that Didulo has abused and threatened to kill ex-followers (Lamoureux, 2022b).

Didulo's belief that the "deep state cabal" and others are targeting her could also be evidence of increasing paranoia. Didulo frequently states that she believes her RVs are bugged, and that she is being watched. She has posted videos in which she and her team search for GPS trackers concealed on the convoy's vehicles. More recently, Didulo has become increasingly convinced that members of the "deep state cabal" are purposely sending specific individuals to harass her, and has described at least three occasions in which she believes that happened. This concern is likely the reason Didulo has organized a security detail, and possibly why she posted (but quickly deleted) a photo of her sitting beside a shotgun case and shotgun shells.

D. Affinity for the Military

Didulo seems to have a particular affinity for and imagined linkage to the military. An imaginary relationship between Didulo and military entities plays a major role in how Didulo (supposedly) became the leader of Canada. Military support and command are frequently invoked in her posts and her speeches. According to Didulo, she is the Commander-in-Chief, and thus is the head of the military. She frequently describes her contact with the military, and the respect that she believes she has earned from them. Didulo claims that high-ranking military officials were particularly impressed with her ability to remove the Chinese communist military from the underground tunnels in Canada, a valiant performance that prevented World War III. There is remarkable similarity in some of the stories she tells: Didulo personally removed the Chinese from Canada, and her grandmother supposedly blocked a Chinese invasion during World War II.

Didulo often states that she has the entire military at her service to carry out any mission she deems appropriate. She has specifically claimed to have special access to the following military groups, some of which may be ideas of her own creation: U.S. military, Special Ops, Black Ops, night stalkers (i.e., the Marines), Special Allied Forces, Earth Defense Military, Global Alliance Military, Canadian Armed Forces, U.S. Armed Forces, and Department of National Defense. Didulo's followers frequently request that Didulo send the military to assist them in their personal matters.

Didulo's military is also supposedly at the ready to perform rescues, assist with natural disasters, and to arrest anyone Didulo deems guilty of violating her decrees. That supposed readiness was a prominent motif during an attempted citizen arrest event on August 13, 2022. A major component of the plan was to arrest all members of a municipal police department, and then to hand the arrested officers over to the military for detention. The event did not go as she planned, and six of Didulo's followers were arrested. Didulo retreated to her RV for the majority of the event. She held a lengthy live stream after the arrests, where Didulo stated the military did appear. They arrived in the form of a triangular shaped spaceship that uncloaked itself, while silently hovering over the failed citizen arrests. Only Didulo and a few of her followers claimed to see the spacecraft. That evening Didulo posted a series of messages on her Telegram page describing her ongoing communications with military officials. She posted photos of military planes with their associated geographic coordinates. These aircraft were supposedly en route to her location. Didulo specifically stated that she had been in regular contact with Vice Admiral Darse E. "Del" Crandall Jr. and provided a link to his biography. According to his biography, Vice Admiral Crandall is the Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Navy, and a decorated member of the military. Why Didulo chose this particular individual is unclear, but several QAnon associated social media accounts mention his name as well. However, any connection between Didulo and Vice Admiral Crandall remains unsubstantiated.

Didulo claims that the military provides her with round-the-clock security. They drive vehicles with darkly tinted windows, and are virtually invisible to the public by design. "Night stalkers" commonly stand guard for her, and are frequently the chosen group Didulo threatens to send after those she perceives to have wronged her. Didulo claims that her military supports and allies all have signed nondisclosure agreements. That, supposedly, explains why it is impossible to prove that military forces work for her.

E. Didulo's Specific Special and Extraordinary Powers

A common element of Didulo's ideology is her claim of supernatural abilities that her followers frequently memorialize via memes (see Figure 9). Didulo considers herself to be a divine being sent to Earth to fulfill a spiritual mission. She refers to herself as "Mother." Didulo specifically claims that the "Intergalactic Federation of Worlds of Light Beings, the High Council, an Alliance" are aware that she is "the one leader on earth with purest intentions to help men, women and children and animals/planet earth." Didulo has a "spiritual contract to help the whole planet ... and no one else has that contract." She earned her title (as queen) from the "highest dimensions and realms as well as on planet earth." "DNA-X" and "10D" has been activated within Didulo, creating "unlimited consciousness" from the "God master Creator." Didulo knew about her spiritual mission before she ever "physically manifested on Earth." Her sense of knowing has always been present within "I AM."

Figure 9 - Memes created by Romana Didulo followers depicting her supposed supernatural and alien extraterrestrial powers.

Didulo's purported divine abilities are numerous. She can cloak and uncloak herself. She can freeze or erase the memories of other people. As an individual with the "highest frequencies," shape-shifting is one of her natural abilities, giving Didulo the capacity to become anyone or anything, at any time. That includes a "woman, child, a man, or any animal that one has affinity with or even a tree or any object."

One follower asked why a hat she commonly wore had been visibly sparkling in videos. Didulo explained that was the "holy divine glow/God's energy flow," otherwise known as a halo or an aura. Another follower observed bright lights in the room when Didulo films her videos. Didulo explained that those were not lamps or skylights, but were "guards" from the "Intergalactic Federation Alliance of Worlds of Light Beings" present in the room. Those were the same "guards" who "blocked and prevented the front door of [her] office from be kicked in by the

RCMP" on the day she was temporarily detained in December 2021. Relatedly, Didulo avoids meat, and maintains a strict diet of vegetables, fruits, fish, and seafood. Eating meat causes her "Natural Gifts, Talents and Ancient Wisdom" to be removed from her soul, leaving Didulo "physically unable to move for 30 days or more." This could be why she served cucumbers and sardines during the August 13, 2022, Peterborough citizen arrest event (Romphf, 2022).

Didulo's other special abilities include the capacity to change her eye color using "specific frequencies." Her eye color changes, depending upon a specific occasion, or on her mood. She can also "shape-shift" her pupil to be "Oval, Square, Round or even Split in half." Didulo has explained she does not notice the shape of her pupils until she happens to see those transformations on camera. Didulo has also said she can levitate, but she has not elaborated on the circumstance in which that is possible. In early March 2023, Didulo posted a message on her Telegram page that her team members witnessed her RV levitate.

Visiting people during sleep is another special ability of Didulo's. Since many followers ask to meet with her, she can and has "visited and continued to visit many of [them] in [their] dream state[s]." These visits produce "continuous healing" that has cured Lyme disease and cataracts. Didulo's supposed healing abilities were touted again during a February 2023 live stream event where Didulo announced that she and her crew adopted two puppies. Her "press secretary" Darlene Ondi announced that she witnessed Didulo heal one of the puppies who was struggling, and whom Ondi theorized might have had cataracts. Didulo then added that before they decided to adopt the puppies, the puppies appeared to her in a dream and made her a "proposition." The puppies asked Didulo if the puppies could live with an acquaintance of the puppies, while Didulo and her entourage continued their travels in the RV.

Didulo is a fan of science fiction and the high-level technologies described in science fiction stories. For instance, Didulo has promised "quantum" cell phones and computers to all followers, an idea she may have adopted from others in the QAnon movement. Though she never specified what these devices can do, Didulo predicts that quantum technology would replace all currently available cell phones and laptops. She also promises "off planet technologies," including food replicators that have the power to "eliminate world hunger." In addition to food, these devices supposedly can also replicate "boots" and other objects. Food replicators would be free to use for all of her Canadian followers. Didulo predicted the first replicator shipments sometime in 2021. Of course, none have appeared. Perhaps there is a strike by intergalactic delivery drivers? Food replicators, much like med beds, are a "gift to humanity." Didulo personally took a "solemn vow/oath" to make this technology free for all people. She predicted replicators for every household in Canada. Much like med beds, Didulo claims that this technology was stolen and hidden from most of the world by pharmaceutical companies.

Another, science-fiction oriented/QAnon conspiracy belief is Didulo's contention that she arranged for children rescued from the Deep Underground Military Bases (DUMBS), and mistreated by the "deep state," to be taken "off the planet" to be healed (Wild, 2021). Some of the children will not return, she says, because of their involvement in genetic experimentation. Children allegedly were bred in laboratories as "half human & half animal." Others were bred as half-animal, half-alien species. These children often "choose to [stay on another planet] or decide not to live out their lives and asked to be euthanized." It is interesting that in her fantastical version of events, Didulo chooses to present her interactions with the abducted and manipulated children as healing, despite some being killed, and others being turned into animals.

Not only does Didulo purportedly have high-level abilities, but she also claims to be teaching those skills and techniques to others. In August 2022, Didulo and her team held a "press conference" where Didulo described working independently with her closest followers. Didulo explained that they had recently begun intensive training to think like her, how to act as "Commander-in-Chief," and how to run a country, should that ever become necessary. The training exercises included the practice of hostage-taking and negotiation. Didulo said she is also teaching her core followers how to cloak and uncloak themselves, and how to use "high-level technologies," including 5G, that Didulo claims will allow her trainees to see through the walls of buildings and homes.

Didulo contends that all science fiction movies and television series are "disclosures, documentaries/diaries." Both the television series *Star Trek* and the movie *The Tomorrow War* seem to have had an unusually strong influence on Didulo. *The Tomorrow War* is her "life story line." This 2021 film depicts time travelers from the year 2051 sent to a past Earth with a message that all mankind is losing a global war against an alien race called the "White Spikes," whose intention is to cause the extinction of humanity. The character Didulo most resonates with is that of the female White Spike who served as the Queen alien of the species (Hood, 2021). The White Spike Queen was said to be substantially stronger than all of the males (Hood, 2021). That storyline is consistent with Didulo's frequent reference to "DNA-X," which is "God's tool." Didulo explained in a video that she "released DNA-X to each and every living "I AMs" in the world. Its job is to repair, unlock and reactivate the DNAs that were manipulated ... by evil aliens that came to planet earth 300,000 + years ago." This alien race decided to experience darkness rather than light, and held planet Earth and humanity captive. Once one's DNA is reactivated, that individual can again co-create with God. This empowerment means one can create and replicate anything they wish, just like the med beds and the replicators, and more. Didulo is not of this Earth. She insists that she is an Arcturian. Arcturians are supremely intelligent alien beings, much like Superman "with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men" (Adventures of Superman, 1952).

III. Threats

Didulo frequently threatens violence. Some threats are direct. Others are indirect or veiled, using coded language, such as the "milkshakes" and "spas" mentioned earlier. Didulo is particularly threatening towards those who participate in vaccine mandate enforcement. For instance, she wrote in September 2021: "Pissositos, I warned you 2 bullets for every Canadian child you injected with that coronavirus 19 poison. And believe me when I tell you- not even Trump can save you."

That same month Didulo wrote:

> You guys remember the QAnon Queen in Canada-the Secret queen who said in her video she'd sign execution papers to execute those injecting Canadians plus she had issued cease-and-desist order? Well, that actually was all true in many of our Bosses, Politicians, Bureaucrats, and Healthcrats have been executed by Military Tribunals. She is as real as a heart attack and we are next in line to get the bullets she promised IF we don't stop poisoning people. Holy ... I wet my pants and someone told me they met the wife of the politician who has been executed for crimes against humanity. So this queen Romana is the real deal.

In another instance Didulo had a message for “American Brothers and Sisters (Gun Owners) and all-American Military Veterans. Please, be ready to load those 4 x 4 Flatbed Trucks and Trailers of yours. Just in case I, Queen Romana of Canada decides to issue a ‘Special Royal Invite’ for you all on a short notice #duckhunting. Oh, and please bring extra guns and ammo.”

“Duck hunting” is a coded reference to a select group of people handpicked by Didulo to make arrests of enemies, specifically those who are participating in activities related to COVID-19 pandemic enforcement or regulation (Lamoureux, 2021b). Reports indicate Didulo stated that there were over 100 “duck hunters” ready to carry out her orders (Lamoureux, 2021b). At one point, Didulo referenced them often in her Telegram posts. The “duck hunters” group is now defunct, but apparently has been replaced with a similar group called the “Kingdom of Canada-Military Applicants.” Didulo has “call[ed] on veterans, police officers and RCMP who left the force due to political and unlawful vaccine mandates” to become Didulo’s own military force. This group purportedly has over 3,000 members, with new people joining daily. Didulo recently announced that she has created a new group for those who expressed interest in being “Deputized to serve as Peace Officers under Natural Laws” in her kingdom. It should also be noted that at least one of Didulo’s closest followers claims to be an RCMP officer and an “expert” in nuclear weapons. In addition, Didulo claimed she has been in contact with at least one other law enforcement officer who is sympathetic to her movement. The idea of having former or current law enforcement officers on her “side” is a major source of pride for Didulo.

On September 22, 2021, Didulo wrote that if “you report that there are now Chinese troops on Canadian soil, you will be arrested and sent to a SPA.” Spa is code for military firing squad/hanging. Didulo commonly uses this threat when referring to her enemies.

In a warning to law enforcement officers, Didulo wrote “IF ... you are enforcing a fraudulent, genocidal and crimes against humanity order from corporations-politicians ... Does that make you guilty of crimes against humanity?” She answers “you can bet your Canadian tight Arse ... You are guilty of crimes against humanity. You’re going to the spa ... Milkshakes are being served every minute at your prestigious spas ... the #Milkshake business division at our exclusive Spas have been doing very well.” Didulo and her followers commonly use the term “milkshake” to describe the poisoned drink Didulo will serve to those executed under her authority (see Figure 10).

Figure 10 - A Romana Didulo Telegram post about "milkshakes." Note that Didulo is posing in front of a fictitious high-technology vehicle.

Didulo has reserved "public hanging" for "people who have refused to prescribe Ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine to Canadians as a cure coronavirus. The public hangings will occur in Canada. Not in Gitmo or anywhere else." Ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine are pharmaceuticals that are ineffective as treatments for COVID-19, but were broadly endorsed by anti-vaccination activists. Didulo added that "IF, we run out of Ropes, it will be done by cutting their heads off with a Silver Sword- just like they do in the Middle-East."

For anyone who has threatened Canada and Canadians with civil war, Didulo stated that she would "turn your front yard into a graveyard ... And, hang your dead body upside down on your front porch with a sign that says 'this is the dumbest Canadian who ever lived.'" For those who block her work or who have "intentionally deceived" others concerning Didulo or Didulo's activities, Didulo promises that "your entire Household will crumble to the ground ... What you did to sabotage I AM Queen Romana of Canada Divine work will be done unto you-by others. It's known as chameleon's Karma ... It is soooo Divine ... Sorry in advance I cannot help you get out of this one ...".

Didulo's threats go beyond those involved in COVID-19 management, and also include persons who were once close to her. Didulo now has had several cohorts of people in her inner circle, all persons who lived with her in the convoy RVs. Recently, for the first time, several ex-followers shared their experiences living in Didulo's inner circle. They described how Didulo abandoned them and others (seven people and a child) in Newfoundland after a dispute. These former adherents required over a week to return home.

Didulo's former cadres described "never-ending" abuse at her hands. They regarded her as dangerous. She threatened to kill them several times, including throwing one individual from a helicopter into a volcano (see Figure 11). Anyone who "screwed up" Didulo's timeline would be tried for treason and "shot in the head." Timelines are a New Age reference to levels or spiritual planes. Didulo commonly states that she operates at a "10D" level, which is the highest spiritual level. The ex-followers did not feel comfortable disclosing their true identities. They feared retaliation from Didulo (Lamoureux, 2022b).

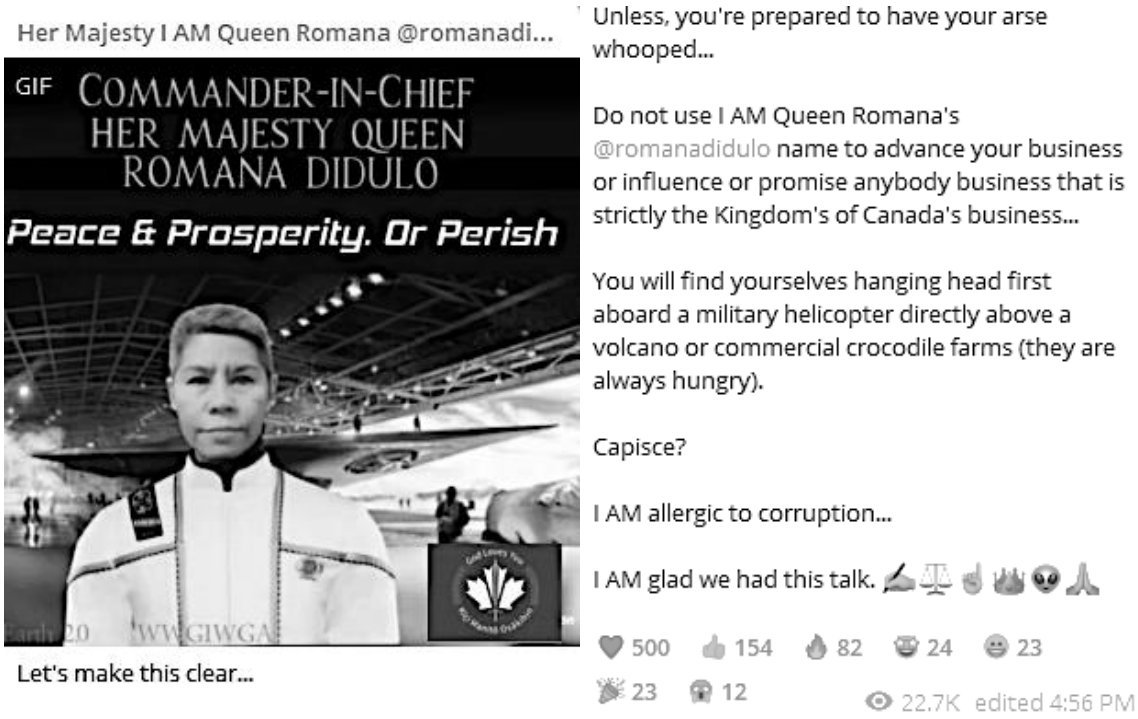

Figure 11 - A January 29, 2022 Telegram post from Romana Didulo geared to threaten her ex-followers.

There was a noticeable reduction in direct threats from Didulo after her psychiatric detention and release in November 2021. Veiled threats became more the norm. Mostly those veiled threats involved her articulation, or rearticulation, of behaviors outlawed in her "Kingdom" which result in execution. For instance, when Didulo outlawed fluoride, chloride, and bromide, anyone who violated this decree would be charged with "crimes against humanity," which bears the death penalty upon conviction. That same penalty exists for anyone who publicly promotes "transgenderism, medical surgeries (sex change), pharmaceutical means (hormone blockers) and gender inversion."

Didulo resumed making direct threats again in February 2023 when she posted a message to her Telegram followers about "illegal" migrant workers. Didulo wrote: "If they insist upon crossing the border into the Kingdom of Canada, consider them all invaders and occupiers ... They are paid by the Cabals/Deepstaters/Blackhats/Globalists to create chaos and destabilize our Kingdom like they have done in EU. Shoot them at site [sic]" (Smith, 2023).

Other "crimes" that will earn one the death penalty in Didulo's "kingdom" include:

- kidnapping
- persons found “in the pockets of NWO/CCP”
- war criminals, persons involved in crimes against humanity, including: genocide, famine, manufacturer/production of adrenochrome, production of foods, drugs, products or chemicals that are harmful to humans or animals
- rape
- “torture blackmail”
- extortion
- child sex trafficking
- human organ harvesting
- human trafficking
- slavery
- bribery
- corruption
- arson
- trafficking unlawful/illegal drugs
- trafficking lawful/illegal firearms
- smuggling of illegal firearms
- trafficking weapons of mass destruction
- targeted killings.

Didulo states that death penalties will be carried out as soon as possible, or within 24 hours, and will be done via public hanging or firing squad. Executions will occur in the city square, or a on designated island where the killings will be public viewing for anyone 24 years or older.

IV. The Danger of Didulo

Didulo is and remains one of the most active conspiracy figures currently operating in North America. No one else in Canada who expresses this kind of radical agenda has accumulated a similar sized follower base. Didulo regularly engages in stochastic terrorism: inciting speech used to encourage others to engage in violent acts (Amman & Meloy, 2022). For instance, she said in a live stream video that anti-COVID-19 vaccines were “coerced” on “We The People,” which she regards as murder and genocide, both of which are crimes against humanity. Those responsible for “coercing” people to inject themselves with a “foreign chemical” should “pay with their lives.” Moreover, Didulo has told her followers that staying quiet meant that they were contributing to the problem, and adopted a new tagline: “Speak up and save lives.”

In the past year, Didulo has called for “citizen arrests” of various public officials. She created a Telegram group solely dedicated to the discussion and planning of citizen arrest events, the “Live & Peaceful Citizen Arrest(s)” group. At present, this group has close to 1,500 members. Group members target persons for arrest. Didulo has created videos with specific instructions on how to conduct citizen arrests. This program culminated in a group of her followers attempting to arrest police officers at the Peterborough police department on August 13, 2022. Their stated goal was to arrest police officers for “COVID crimes” that are “crimes against humanity” (Davis, 2022a). The arrested police officers would then be handed over to the military. Which military was never specified.

Fortunately, that attempted vigilante action failed. The weekend after the Peterborough event, Didulo and her inner circle of 11 followers held a lengthy "press conference," reflected upon what went wrong, and discussed plans for future citizen arrests. Frank Curtin, the main organizer of the citizen arrest event, wrote that "it is all OK because the opportunity to do it right is still ahead of us. We will get it done." (Davis, 2022b). Didulo's telegram followers agreed, and vowed to try again, next time bringing additional persons and being more organized. Followers subsequently posted disparaging memes that feature the retired Peterborough police chief, warning that they plan to eventually arrest him. Didulo's citizen law enforcers appear determined to finish what they started.

Curtin is one of Didulo's most ardent supporters (Fondue, 2022), and provides a useful example of an "active agent." Curtin came to believe in Didulo's ideas after parting ways with his employer, approximately one year before the Peterborough event. Problems began between Curtin and his employer when his employer received funds from the government to boost the manufacturing of hand sanitizer as part of the fight against COVID-19 (Davis & Giunta, 2021; Fondue, 2022). Curtin considered this government funding suspicious. Curtin believes that COVID-19 is fake, and that his employer had collected that money illegally. These conspiratorial beliefs then allegedly led to Curtin's departure from the company.

After leaving the company, Curtin began regularly serving Didulo's cease and desist letters to public officials (Fondue, 2022). He then specifically targeted Police Chief Scott Gilbert of the Peterborough police department (Fondue, 2022). Curtin was upset about not receiving from Police Chief Gilbert what Curtin deemed to be an appropriate response to his complaint about his employer's supposed illegal activities. Curtin recorded himself serving a cease-and-desist order upon Chief Gilbert, and posted the video on his YouTube channel. Curtin became convinced that Chief Gilbert was purposefully hiding from him, which only further increased Curtin's paranoia. Curtin also believed that the police chief was purposefully taunting him after observing a suspicious, low-flying plane above his home. Curtin claimed that the Chief was, personally, in that plane.

Curtin has sent other letters to the Peterborough police. He was upset about vaccines being given to children. He did not like that the police sent "an army of officers ... to guard against anyone interfering in the vaccination of our children." Curtin alleged that the police were engaged in illegal activity, that Curtin had collected evidence to establish that, and how police were "deceiving our community." Accompanying his letters were Didulo's cease-and-desist orders, and a purported "International Common Law Court Verdict" by conspiracy theorists who claimed to have "convicted" 75 public officials for crimes against humanity related to the pandemic (Vivek, 2022). (See Netolitzky (2022) for more on Kevin Annett, the conspiracy theorist behind this vigilante "court verdict.") Curtin further wrote that "if you like to surrender to me, I can arrange to have military present ... for your protection and the protection of the community." "Arrests are imminent," he warned. Curtin's seeming paranoia, coupled with his belief that public officials were engaged in COVID-19-related crimes, and his dedication to Didulo, is likely what motivated his decision to attempt a citizen arrest at the Peterborough police station in August 2022.

Weeks after his arrest, Curtin sent a letter to the same police department, along with video "evidence" of "war crimes" involving covert mandates. He warned police that if they chose to ignore his email, he would consider it "one more attempt at being complicit in this crime" and to

“conduct [themselves] accordingly.” He seems determined to carry out what he believes are legal arrests of law enforcement personnel. Curtin is currently awaiting trial on criminal charges, and plans to represent himself.

Curtin is far from the only follower serving cease-and-desist orders to public officials. Thousands of cease-and-desist letters have been sent to public officials by Didulo’s followers. A specific cease-and-desist order Telegram group continues to operate with new members joining weekly. Individuals in this group routinely send out cease-and-desist orders in batches. One particularly ardent follower each week posts a list of the people and locations he has sent orders. Common targets are medical centers, utility companies, mortgage companies, lawyers, businesses, schools, courts, and government officials across Canada and in other countries.

Though difficult to explain, many of Didulo’s followers believe her self-created promissory note is valid. Her decrees, especially those that say that Didulo has erased all debts, abolished income tax, and made electricity and water free, are received enthusiastically. It is impossible to determine the exact number of Didulo’s followers who have decided not to pay their bills, but a significant number regularly post messages on Didulo’s Telegram pages that report they have now stopped paying their bills, or that publish copies of letters from utility companies that indicate bills have not been paid. *Vice News* documented the case of a Romana Didulo follower who had been sending copies of the decrees and cease-and-desist orders to the Alberta Court of King’s Bench to prevent the bank from repossessing her home (Lamoureux, 2023b). Her tactics failed. Soon thereafter the family was removed from their former home by a bailiff. Pictures and videos of utility company workers arriving to shut off power and water supplies are also fairly common. Another frequent report is letters from law firms that state any attempts to stop paying utility bills, based on Didulo’s decrees, may be considered fraudulent. At least one reported Canadian court decision addresses a Didulo-related debt collection dispute (*AMEX Bank of Canada v Vincent*, 2023 ABKB 126). More will likely follow.

Thus, evidence shows many of Didulo’s followers are true believers, who have negatively altered the course of their lives in significant, if not drastic, ways. These persons are staunch supporters of their “queen.” Their willingness to regularly engage in real-world activities in response to Didulo’s edicts, as well as their willingness to send money to support her activities, clearly establishes that fact. Didulo has revealed that it costs $20,000 per month for her and her entourage to continue their operations. Without the money and devotion of her followers, her reign would likely end. Instead, Didulo’s convoy has now been operating for over a year.

Didulo has created two primary threats. First, Didulo is activating others to engage in vigilante acts, either violence or “citizen arrests.” She has dedicated followers who are willing to carry out real-world actions. This development is especially concerning in light of Didulo’s recent order to shoot migrants who enter “her kingdom.” Second, Didulo is creating a pool of desperate persons who may act violently or dangerously when confronted by legitimate authorities, when they lose homes and property, and have utilities disconnected. This second pool of persons is the source of the majority of violence associated with pseudolaw in Canada (Netolitzky, 2016).

V. Conclusion

This work is intended to provide a comprehensive articulation of the beliefs and activities of Romana Didulo and her followers. Didulo is a highly active figure in the conspiracy world who regularly engages in fantasy-based rhetoric. Her message is filled with the dictatorial promise of

death to anyone who displeases her. Didulo describes herself as the supreme being extant on planet Earth. Didulo believes herself to be beyond question. She claims she possesses supernatural powers, is able to become invisible, change shape, and is an Arcturian from a distant star system--all claimed without a drop of evidence or proof. Didulo's message is not one of benevolence. She promises death. Her edicts daily harm her followers.

We know relatively little about the true nature of her followers. To them she promises much. No more bills, no more debt, no more illness. Thanks to the med beds, no more death. Didulo's cause costs nothing to join. Didulo offers no evidence, and, for her followers, none is requested, and none is needed. Tens of thousands of individuals worldwide believe in her ideas. Members of her inner circle dress alike, live together, and wear the same silly white hat. Many of her close and distant followers have chosen to abandon their families, after contentious encounters. Didulo's movement may deserve serious consideration and classification as a cult. She promises much but delivers nothing.

The phenomenon of Romana Didulo should be of interest to those studying conspiracy theories, law enforcement, as well as society at large. Didulo is also a figure whose ideology matches the concerns of threat assessment professionals and those who track violent extremism. Future research into Didulo and the phenomenon that surrounds her is necessary. Potentially even of more important is the study of the psychological and sociological underpinnings that either create or allow for the development of such an unexpected phenomenon.

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